

## Accessing data and knowledge is the goal of contract

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ROME, N.Y. — The Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate recently awarded a \$50,000 contract to Capraro Technologies, Inc. of Utica, N.Y.

Under terms of the six-month agreement, company engineers will demonstrate a process for designing an intensive knowledge discovery ability from distributed data and knowledge bases.

“Capraro Technologies will use state-of-the-art commercial computer software tools to show an ability to access different data and knowledge sources and, through artificial

intelligence techniques, discover or compile knowledge,” said John Spina, program manager in the directorate’s Information Technology Division.

“One focus of our knowledge base program is knowledge discovery — taking data from different sources and being able to compile that data into useful information,” Spina said. “Computerized data is scattered all over and stored in several different formats. We are trying to integrate relevant data and make it useful for decision-makers.” @